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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 21, 2005.

Claim 19 is withdrawn from the Application as a non-elected claim.

Claims 1-18, 20-37 are currently elected in the Application.

I. Election Restriction

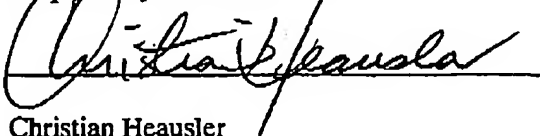
The Office Action has restricted the current application to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-18 and 20-37 drawn to a perioperative multivitamin protein, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- II. Claim 19 drawn to a method for improving immune systems and detoxification comprising the beverage of claim 1, classified in class, subclass 94.66.

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-18 and 20-37 (Group I). Applicants hereby withdraws Claim 19 (Group II) from consideration in this application pursuant to the examiner's restriction request. Applicants reserve the right to re-file withdrawn claims in another application. Applicant reserves the right to rejoin the withdrawn process claims that include all of the limitations of the product claims.

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